

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7378

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

USMISSION GENEVA

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EUR/EX FOR JOAN CLARK FROM CHARGE

BONN FOR RCO

GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR SHERER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ACOM, CZ

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CRISIS IN PRAGUE

REF: STATE 268291

1. WE ARE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE HERE WITH OUR TELEPHONES. FOR WELL OVER A WEEK WE HAVE BEEN JUST ABOUT WITHOUT TELEPHONE SERVICE. WITHIN THE EMBASSY ALL LINES ARE CROSSED, SO THAT MOST OF US WALK WITH OUR MESSAGES, AND YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED. MOST OF US CANNOT CALL OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY WITHOUT WALKING TO ONE OF THE FEW OFFICES WITH OUTSIDE LINES. THE MARINE GUARD DOES NOT HAVE AN OUTSIDE LINE, AND FRANKLY THIS HAS US WORRIED A BIT. WE WOULD HATE TO ESTIMATE THE DAMAGE DONE TO EMBASSY OPERATIONS BY NOT RECEIVING OUTSIDE CALLS, BUT WE ARE UNABLE TO JUDGE, EXCEPT THAT WHENEVER WE SEE ANYONE IN PERSON THEY COMPLAIN ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO REACH US. IT MIGHT BE EXAGGERATING TO SAY OUR OPERATIONS ARE PARALYZED, BUT WE CERTAINLY ARE BADLY CRIPPLED.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PROMISING US NEW MATRIXES. WE WERE TOLD ITT WOULD DELIVER THEM DECEMBER 6 (AFTER SIX MONTHS OF SAYING PARTS WERE NOT AVAILABLE) BUT WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN

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TOLD THEY ARE IN WASHINGTON, MUCH LESS EN ROUTE HERE. WITH

THE AMBASSADOR RETURNING, WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT  
PROLONGATION OF THIS SITUATION IS GOING TO BE TRULY HARMFUL.

3. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO HAVE THIS MATTER LOOKED INTO  
AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.

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